

# FINAL REPORT

OF THE

# BOARD OF REVENUE COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,

WHICH ASSEMBLED AT

HARRISBURG, FEBRUARY 17, 1863.



## REPORT.

To His Excellency, Andrew G. Curtin,

Governor of Pennsylvania:

The Board of Revenue Commissioners for 1863, respectfully submit the

following report:

The inequality of the assessments throughout the Commonwealth is the marked characteristic of the returns made to this Board, for the present year. At no former session of the Board, except, perhaps, the first one in 1845, has this been so apparent: it would seem as if an effort had been made, by the assessors, to see how irregular and inconsistent with all

the laws that govern value, the assessments could be made.

It is evident there is no more fairness between the different parts of the same county, in many instances, than between different and distant counties. The changes that enterprise, discovery and development have frequently made in the condition of a region, seem to be wholly out of view in the minds of the assessors. There are instances of counties where vast changes, amounting almost to revolutions, in all the industrial relations, have produced no more change in the assessment, than is to be found in other regions of the same counties where not a step has been taken to reduce the wild and unseated lands to cultivation and improvement.

A striking instance of this utter disregard of all the laws that should govern values, may be found in the region in which, a few years since, were discovered large deposits of mineral oil. It is well known that the wealth of this region has been enhanced in an immense ratio. Large fortunes have been already realized, by the sale of products, and property has advanced, in many cases, to almost fabulous prices; and yet, if the history of this region were to be made up from the sworn returns of the assessors, scarcely the slightest perceptible change in the character of the country could be

ascertained.

The vast disparity in the assessments of the different counties would not be believed, if it were not for the conclusive evidence furnished, in the returns made to the Board. There are counties of like character, and resources so similar, that no candid mind could make any material difference in their valuation, and yet they differ, in their assessments, a hundred, and even in some cases as high as two hundred per cent. In several cases, counties well known to be the most valuable, are returned at the lower rate.

In many counties the entire State tax, upon all the property paid to the Commonwealth, amounts to less than a dollar per taxable inhabitant, and in one county it is only forty-nine cents, while there are several counties in which it amounts to more than seven times that sum, and the average

of counties that could fairly compare with it, is at least four times as much. These comparisons do not include Philadelphia, which, from various causes, would be naturally supposed to be much higher, and is actually nine times, per taxable, as much as the county before alluded to. It is admitted that this view would not, of itself, be conclusive of inequality in the assessments, but when taken in connection with all the evidence that can be procured, and by which it is fully corroborated, it may be regarded as an almost unmistakable index.

All the efforts of former Boards to correct this manifest evil, have, thus far, proved unavailing, nor is there much hope now, that the practice, in this respect, will be improved. In addition to this evil, a habit of concealing, or refusing to make any return to the assessors, of vast amounts of personal property, is growing with each succeeding year. Some remedy should be devised for this aggravated wrong, becoming, every year, of more serious magnitude. Legislation, thus far, has proved wholly at fault, in the effort to correct it.

It has been suggested that a remedy for both these evils, might be found

in an enactment taxing lineal descents.

The collateral inheritance tax amounts now to nearly two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) per annum. It is paid cheerfully, because less burdensome than any other form of tax that can be imposed, and it is be, lieved to be very uniform throughout different parts of the Commonwealthand for this reason, it is supposed that if it were extended to all estates, and made to take the place of the present system of assessments and taxation entirely, much of the injustice might be corrected, and a great relief afforded to persons and interests that are now unreasonably burdened by taxation, that ought to be borne equally by others. If this plan were adopted it would, in the first place, have the effect of relieving labor and industry, not only from inequality, but from the entire burden of taxation. No man in his lifetime would be called upon for a dollar in the shape of a direct contribution for the support of the government, while at the same time all the property of the Commonwealth, of every kind whatever, would, at given periods, be brought to bear its reasonable and fair share of the public burden.

It would not be subject to inequality of assessments, as in the present practice as applied to real estate, nor would it be possible to conceal from the operation of the law, the personal property which is now from concealment and evasion, wholly free from its just share of the public burden, to

the amount, perhaps, of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Provision could be made in relation to administrators and executors, and the mode of settling estates, which would insure generally a faithful return of the property; and the amount that would escape, would bear no comparison to that which now eludes the scrutiny of those to whom the in-

quiry is committed.

There is a natural repugnance to the visit of the assessor and tax collector, and the desire to avoid both seems so universal, that it is impossible to overcome it. No one is free from the unwillingness to furnish such a statement of his affairs as is necessary to form a proper estimate of his taxable condition, and the effort is everywhere apparent how to evade rather than comply with this necessity.

There are but two serious objections urged to this mode of taxation:—
First. It is said temptation would present itself to dispose of property during lifetime, so that there would be no property passing at the time of the death of the individual which could be taxed. Second. It is said the claim would be made when the parties would be least in condition to meet it, the

head of the family being just removed, and their necessities frequently re-

quiring all their resources.

To the first of these objections it may be answered, that the experience of the State under the collateral inheritance law, shows it to be nearly, if not wholly groundless. Cases have been exceedingly rare where persons have been so unmindful of their obligations to the government which has protected them and fostered their interests, as to lead them recklessly to disregard its claims upon them; and it is believed that the freedom from taxation during lifetime, which this plan would produce, would diminish rather than increase the desire to avoid a fair share of the responsibility every man is under to support the government which protects all his rights, both of person and property, at the period when, of all others, they will be most likely to desire to act fairly.

To the second objection the answer is very simple. If no tax has been paid during the lifetime of the possessor of an estate, it is larger by that much, than it would have been if he had been paying every year of his business life, and it is, therefore, no hardship, but rather a relief, because

the party has had the benefit of its use with all its accumulation.

As things stand now, the owners of farms, however insignificant, or of homes, however humble, are certain to pay their full share for the support of the government, while their more opulent neighbors, whose means are vested in valuable estates, or in personal property not visible to the eye of the assessor, escape in many cases almost entirely, and in all to a considerable extent. This ought not to be.

It is believed that the proposed plan would prove as great a corrective as it is practicable now to apply, particularly in view of the exigencies of the National Government, which has led it to seek out objects for, and adopt a system of taxation which otherwise might have been adopted by

the Commonwealth, but now placed beyond her reach.

It is probable that one reason why this plan has not been tried longsince, has grown out of the apprehension that it would be uncertain in its. results; and as all systems of taxation have been introduced under pressingdemands, arising from immediate necessities, no government could afford

to adopt it in view of this uncertainty.

The case is presented to us now in a different aspect. In the first place, the investigations into the ratio of mortality, both for sanitary and business purposes, in modern times, have produced a result which can be relied on with great certainty. This is demonstrated in the business of insurance on lives, which has grown to such an enormous extent that it would be incredible if it were not a matter of record; and it is well known, too, that the business is very profitable, from the certainty of its calculations. In the second place, the financial position of the Commonwealth is such that she can test the experiment fairly, without inconvenience or risk of loss. A plan could be introduced, without disturbing the present system, until the result of the experiment could be thoroughly ascertained. A very few years—three or four at most—would settle the question, and in the meantime whatever amount it did produce could be applied to the sinking fund for the redemption of the public debt, and thus accomplish a public good, whatever might be the result of the experiment in the end.

The valuation of the property of the Commonwealth, real and personal, taxable for State purposes, as shown by the returns of the county commissioners to the present Board, is about \$570,000,000, which has been increased.

by the Board to about \$596,000,000.

No one will doubt that under a fair assessment of the real estate, and a faithful return of the personal property, the amount would reach at least

three times that sum, or certainly \$1,500,000,000. A careful calculation of both branches of this subject makes it evident that a tax of three per cent. upon the estates of decedents, which would be scarcely felt, and would be trivial compared with the present unequal and therefore unjust system, would produce at least a million and a half of dollars per annum; and besides the certainty of its results, would have the great merit of uniformity in its action upon all interests and classes, which could certainly be attained by the appointment of appraisers by the State Treasurer, who would be governed in their action by fixed and well defined rules. The relief to labor from its present unjust and in many cases oppressive share of the public burden, and the certainty that no one would be able to escape his fair share of responsibility, and that the property mainly, and not the man only, was to bear the burden of the government, all of which would result from the introduction of this new system, could not fail to give satisfaction to the public mind. Of course, it is not proposed to interfere in any way with the miscellaneous subjects of taxation, such as stocks, corporations, licenses,

The true plan would be to test the experiment, in the first instance, by a very light tax, say only one per cent., from which the result could as easily be ascertained as from a larger sum; and when fully tested, the necessary additions could readily be made. The Board most earnestly and unanimously urge this subject upon the early attention of the Legislature. As, however, no change can, or ought to be introduced immediately, and as it can only be gradual when it is done, it will not be out of place to refer to some other subjects that have engaged the attention of the Board; and first among them may be placed the mineral lands, which, it is believed, have never yet received their due consideration, when estimating the resources of the Commonwealth.

There are well known cases, in which lands of this description have paid to their owners more per acre, during the last year, and for several years previous, than the entire value, in fee, of farm lands, either in the same, or adjacent counties; indeed, in some instances, many times as much, and yet have been assessed at a lower rate.

This unreasonable oppression of the agricultural interests has been borne patiently, but it ought not to be continued.

We cannot do better than to repeat, here, the sentiments of the Board of

1857, which we copy from their final report:

"In our investigation, with a view to arrive at the most accurate results in relation to the value of the property of the different portions of the Commonwealth, our attention has naturally been directed to the mineral lands lying in different portions of our territory. In approaching this subject, we were not unaware of the difficulties that surrounded it, nor unmindful of the fact that their solution had engaged, in previous Boards, some of the best minds of the State. We do not pretend, for a moment, that we can bring more knowledge or more ability to bear on the question than those who have heretofore investigated it. But we incline to the opinion that time, in this, as in many other questions of public policy, has worked out the problem, and rendered for us, very simple and easy, that, which to those who have preceded us, was difficult and abstruse. In the early period of the opening of the regions in which our mineral wealth is comprised, when they were almost inaccessible, the policy of imposing any burden upon them which by any means could be avoided, might well have been questioned, because to the extent of the burden, the energies necessary to their growth were crippled, their value impaired, and their development necessarily retarded. So far as relates to localities into which railroads and canals

have not penetrated, this doubt would still apply. Indeed it would be manifestly unreasonable to require a man, because he owns property which may, in the future, become valuable, to pay for it now as if its value were already known and fixed, When these mineral lands are opened-when canals and railroads are constructed in their midst, and means are thus afforded by which a profitable trade can be successfully carried on, then will be the proper time to make them contribute largely to the demands of the treasury. But there are immense portions of our territory to which this view cannot be applied, without injustice to others. The Commonwealth has, herself, from her own treasury-nay, from the hard earnings of her people, supplied the means to open avenues to market for these inexhaustible depositories of wealth, richer, and far more reliable than the mines of gold on the Pacific coast. It is just as unreasonable now that the lands containing these hidden treasures, should be exempt from an increased valuation, as it was formerly that their valuation should be anticipated—and the exemption of their owners from a just and equitable portion of the State tax is oppressive to others, at whose expense they were enriched.

"Besides this expenditure by the Commonwealth, immense sums have been advanced by citizens of our own State and others, for the purpose of obtaining a supply of fuel, leading, in all cases, to the inevitable enhancement of the lands containing it. To so great an extent is this true, that it has produced a growth, in many portions of the mineral regions, almost magical, and which would be scarcely credited if the evidence were not indubitable.

"Not villages merely, but towns and cities have sprung up, and whole communities settled and established, where but recently all was wilderness and waste; contributing, by both labor and capital, to the aggrandizement of persons, who, perhaps, contributed but little or nothing to produce these results. Although strangers, as well as ourselves, have, in many instances, furnished the means, the value of these have been largely increased, and the owner thereof benefitted—and we are fully convinced the time has arrived when their value should be estimated by their resources, as well as their product. The stern duties of this Board require them to "adjust and equalize," not upon rumor, but upon such substantial evidence as will satisfy the mind and convince the understanding. No speculative theory as to prospective value has been the basis of our action, but the true, intrinsic value of the land, and its situation, favorably or otherwise, to a market for its rich productions, is the true rule and criterion for its valuation. know the common answer to this view is, that any increased valuation of mineral lands is a tax upon the consumer, and therefore to be avoided. This plea, if it has any force, is an argument against all taxation of real estate, as it applies with equal strength to the soil from which our sustenance is obtained. It is obvious, therefore, that there is no reason for the distinction, and we have no hesitation in arriving at such a conclusion, and we have a confidant hope that the assessors will hereafter adopt the view indicated in these suggestions."

We fully concur in all these views, and commend them to earnest consid-

eration.

The present Board has acted on them where it was practicable, but it remains for the assessors in the several counties hereafter to make the

proper distinction in the different classes of land.

The subject of inequality might be pursued much further, and indeed it may be said we have only hinted at it, and that we have hardly passed the threshold of the inquiry. But a single additional fact may be stated to show the absolute necessity of some further action by the Legislature. The census returns for 1860, made to the United States Government, must

show the personal and real property in this State to be \$1,416,501,818, while the returns of our own sworn assessors for the same year are only \$572,449,589; and even the larger sum stated in the census returns is well understood to be much below the real amount.

We cannot close this branch of our report with anything more forcible or applicable than the following passage from the last annual report of the

State Treasurer:

"In my last report I referred to the necessity of a thorough alteration and revision of our revenue laws, and I beg leave to repeat a few words

which I then said on this subject.

" 'When the fact is stated, that the valuation of property of all kinds in our State, including money at interest, tax on offices, &c., is one-third less than that of Ohio, and two-thirds less than New York, it must be evident to every one, that property in our State is either assessed at a mere fraction of its value, or else that a very large proportion of property escapes taxation altogether. It has been the boast of Pennsylvania for years, that our rich agricultural domain, and our immense mineral wealth and resources, constitute us one of the richest States in the Union, and yet, according to the valuation of our property for taxable purposes, we are comparatively one of the poorest. From facts which have come under my own observation, I am satisfied that a large number of our wealthy citizens escape taxation almost entirely, by reason of having their wealth mainly, if not exclusively, in bonds and mortgages, ground rents and other securities, which they fail to return for taxation, and which can not be discovered by our assessors, under the present system, thus throwing an unjust and unequal amount of taxation upon real estate and other tangible property, and upon those citizens who are faithful and just in the returns they make of their means and wealth.'

"To show that I was not wrong in the opinion I expressed at that time, let me state one or two facts bearing upon the subject. The Board of Revenue Commissioners are now receiving the tri-ennial returns from the commissioners of the State of the value of property of all kinds in their various counties, and the assessments thereon. From this department the commissioners were furnished with a schedule, under various heads, in which they were to make their returns to the Board, and in that schedule was the following, viz:

"'Value of all mortgages, money owing by solvent debtors, whether by promissory notes, penal or single bill, bond or judgment; also of articles of agreements, and accounts bearing interest, except notes and bills for

work and labor done, and bank notes.'

"The amount returned under this head by the commissioners of the city and county of Philadelphia is \$12,439,381. Will any one who knows any thing of the wealth of the city of Philadelphia suppose that there is only twelve millions of dollars out at interest in the various forms specified above? I venture the assertion that the amount is nearer one hundred millions, if the truth could be ascertained. Another item which they were required to return was the number of gold watches, and they return 2,994! Twenty-nine hundred and ninety-four watches returned from the the city of Philadelphia, with a population of over six hundred thousand! Would it not be a safe calculation to say there are at least twenty-nine thousand watches in Philadelphia which should be taxed, instead of that many hundred? And the commissioners of Lehigh county return eleven watches for their county! and thus I could cite numberless cases all over the State, where the amount of money at interest, and other property returned for taxation, are but a mere fraction of their true value. Is not this wrong?

Why should one citizen pay the honest and just tax on his money at interest, and other property for the support of the Commonwealth, and his neighbors, all around him, escape by either making false returns, or no returns at all? This state of things should not exist. Every citizen of our Commonwealth is protected alike in his person and his property by our Government and its laws, and should pay a fair proportionate share of the expenses of the Government from which he receives such protection. question arises, how can this difficulty be obviated? I would suggest two methods by which it can be accomplished to a great extent. I would make it obligatory on every citizen to make his returns to the assessors of his money at interest and taxable securities under oath or affirmation. citizen who now makes an honest and just return of his means and wealth, could or would object to this, as it would divide the burthen of sustaining our Government between him and those who now escape it in part or altogether. Again, I would have the records of every county examined yearly by the assessors, as those records will give a true and faithful account of all moneys at interest on bond and mortgage in each county. done faithfully, and I venture to say it will increase the revenue of the Commonwealth over a million dollars annually from persons or property now escaping taxation altogether."

To these suggestions of the State Treasurer we add another—that it might be well for the Legislature to pass a law rendering invalid all claims for at least the interest on bonds, mortgages, judgments, bills, notes, and other obligations for the payment of money made taxable by law, when the owner or holder thereof has neglected or refused to return the same to the assessor for taxation. It is believed that it would be proper now to include sheep in the list of taxable property. They were exempted originally, because it was deemed necessary in order to encourage their production to the greatest possible extent, to meet the demands growing out of the necessities of the country for the use of wool. But it is thought they might be safely included now; and also, that horses, mules and cattle under four years old should be included in the list. A very large amount of capital is invested in these items, which it is thought would bear taxation now as well

as any property at present made taxable by law.

The Board of Revenue Commissioners in 1857, recommended the sale of the main line of the public works of the Commonwealth, and the Legislature then in session adopted the recommendation, and passed a bill which secured the sale. The wisdom of the measure was apparent in the fact that the taxes were immediately reduced, and would have been reduced still farther before this time, but for the expenses attending the suppression of the rebellion which has been attempting for two years to overthrow the

government of the Union

It is believed, however, that notwithstanding these expenses, a reduction of half a mill on the State tax may be safely made, without detriment to the plan of a continued reduction of the State debt. And in this connection the Board would suggest the propriety of selling now, when it can be done readily, all the securities held by the Commonwealth, and applying the proceeds at once to the liquidation of so much of the principal of the public liabilities. If this measure should be adopted, it would leave that much less of the bonds of the Commonwealth to be arranged for by consolidation and new issues on the plan suggested by the State Treasurer. As nearly all of the loans of the Commonwealth are now long over due, some steps, besides their mere gradual liquidation, would seem to be absolutely necessary, and nothing can be suggested more wise than that alluded to.

The necessity for the continuance of the present Board, or of some cen-

tral authority equivalent to it, while the present system of assessments and taxation is continued, is too apparent to admit of discussion. The inequalities already alluded to are conclusive on this subject. It is not difficult to perceive how much and how rapidly this inequality would be increased if it were not for the check put upon it by the adjustments of the Revenue Board. Unequal as the public burdens are now, they would soon become

intolerable, were it not for this wholesome restraint.

The increase made by the several sessions of the Revenue Board, with that made by the county commissioners, most of which is the result of the action of the Board since its creation in 1845, amounts to over one hundred and eighty millions of dollars. The bare statement of this large amount, nearly all of which would have escaped taxation, and thus inflicted injustice upon a large portion of the State, is sufficient to convince the most skeptical, without alluding to the limited means within the reach of the Board to obtain information, nor to the fact that great care has always been taken never to make an advance in the valuation of a county, unless when it was clearly apparent that it ought to be done. If the inequality existing in the returns of the different townships, boroughs, wards and districts could receive a corrective, the duties of the Revenue Board would be rendered more easy, and their conclusions more reliable and satisfactory to themselves—and the great disparity in the payment of county taxes, of which such just complaints are reaching us from every quarter, would be remedied.

In order to correct and equalize the assessments more rapidly, the election of one county assessor is recommended for each county, instead of the present system of township assessors, or where the county is so large as to render it impracticable for one person to perform the duty, take the smallest number who could perform the duty within the time allowed by law for the

purpose.

It is believed that one mind passing upon all the property, both real and personal, within a county, will equalize the property of the county, and thus, though the valuation may be either high or low, it will be uniform, and so far as local taxation is concerned, will bear equally on all; and it will at once be seen that we do not overrate the importance of this suggestion, when it is remembered that the local taxation ranges from fifteen to forty mills on the dollar of valuation, while for State purposes the range is from two to three mills, and probably with a full valuation of real and personal property, it could be reduced to even one mill on the dollar of valuation.

And when the Revenue Board find that the corrective has been applied in local districts, they can the more readily, and with greater confidence in

their decisions, act upon the State and for State purposes.

Instances are within the knowledge of the Board where the same property, without change in any respect, has been assessed in one district seven times the amount that it was in the adjoining district, the difference being simply the removal of the line between said districts; of course, for county and State purposes in the one district being compelled to pay seven times the amount of the other.

In another county, in adjoining townships, even after the local board of revision had attempted to equalize, property of equal value is in the one assessed at more than five times the amount in the other township; and this is not confined to real estate, as cows and cattle of different kinds are frequently assessed in adjoining townships (being of about equal value) at a difference of from twenty-five to one hundred per cent. In our present mode of assessments, the districts are so small that by the time the assessor has fairly learned his duty his work is finished; it does not pay him to leave his ordinary business, and the result we have to deplore in the great ine-

quality which we find. On the other hand, in making county assessors the business is of sufficient importance to employ the best talent and judgment in the county, which is so eminently needed, and by this means secure uniformity in each county, and correct the evil of "each township setting up for itself a fictitious standard of valuation." The importance of first adjusting for local purposes will thus be made apparent to all, and we hope may

receive the early attention of the Legislature.

There is another subject to which the attention of the Board has been called, and which they cannot overlook. It is the large amount of property claiming and obtaining exemption from taxation by legislative enactment. While the present system of taxation is continued, it is doubtful whether property of any kind whatever, except, perhaps, public burying grounds, should be exempt. The right of the Commonwealth over all the property in her borders never should be waived. She is asked and expected to protect it all, and it should all perform its reciprocal duty. The injustice of the exemption, in many instances, to the remainder of the State, is manifest, and the only safe rule would be to exempt none, and then let the Legislature make appropriations, if deemed wise, to such objects as needed the fostering care of the State.

The following tables are appended as the basis of the action of the Board

and the result of its labors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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